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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF IGGI CONFERENCE

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1. EDITORIAL TREATMENT OF IGGI MEETING WAS VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT. FEW NEWS ARTICLES WHICH APPEARED COVERED MINISTER PRONK'S CALL FOR BETTER DISTRIBUTION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, HIS RAPPING GOI FOR HOLDING POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND DEMONSTRATIONS BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AGAINST AID TO INDONESIA. TWO ARTICLES CITED AMOUNT OF AID REQUESTED BY GOI.

2. VOLKSKRANT OF DEC 12 REFERRED TO PRONK'S OPENING SPEECH, STATING THAT MINISTER PRESSED FOR BETTER DISTRIBUTION AND FOR CHANGES OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURE. HIS SPEECH WAS DESCRIBED AS POINTING OUT OBJECTIONS RAISED IN NETHERLANDS TO AID TO COUNTRY WHERE DEMOCRACY IS INCOMPLETE, POLITICAL PRISONERS STILL HELD, AND AID FUNDS CAN BE MISUSED.

3. NRC HANDELSBLAD OF DEC 11 CARRIED BRIEF ARTICLE REPORTING COMPLAINTS OF INDIVIDUALS CONCERNING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICAL PRISONERS AND REPRESSION IN INDONESIA.

ONE INDIVIDUAL CONTRASTED DUTCH FREEZING OF AID TO CHILE WITH PROVISION OF AID TO INDONESIA AFTER COUP WHICH COST HALF MILLION LIVES. NRC ARTICLE OF DEC 12 REPORTED PRONK'S STATEMENTS (1) THAT GOI SEEMS TO BE GIVING HIGH PRIORITY TO SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND (2) RE IMPORTANCE OF SOLVING VARIOUS SOCIAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING RIGHTS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

4. MOST INTERESTING ARTICLE APPEARED IN ALGEMEEN DAGBLAD OF DEC 13, WHICH REPORTED "SOME PANIC" IN GOI CIRCLES OVER "CONCLUSION" BY UNDISCLOSED SOURCE THAT IN VIEW OF RISING OIL PRICES INDONESIA NEEDS NO MORE DEVELOPMENT AID. TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

QTE, AID TO INDONESIA. INDONESIA DOES NOT NEED AID FROM THE IGGI COUNTRIES NEXT YEAR, THE GROUP OF RICH COUNTRIES THAT SINCE 1967 HAS BEEN GRANTING FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC AID TO INDONESIA. THIS IS THE REMARKABLE CONCLUSION MADE IN JAKARTA ON THE BASIS OF PRODUCTION FIGURES FROM THE OIL INDUSTRY WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER BY THE MINISTRY OF MINING, AND ON THE BASIS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL OIL PRICES. THE INCREASE IN IL YIELDS WILL BE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE INDONESIAN NEED FOR MONEY FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1974/75 IS ESTIMATED AT 2240 MILLION GUILDERS. THE CONCLUSION DRAWN FROM THESE PUBLISHED PRODUCTION FIGURES HAS CAUSED SOME PANIC IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES. THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT TO DO WITHOUT THE IGGI AID; THE REASON WHY HOWEVER, IS NOT CLEAR. DURING THE IGGI MEETING IN AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND ANNOUNCED 166 MILLION GUILDERS AID TO INDONESIA FOR NEXT YEAR. THIS IS 10 PERCENT MORE THAN THIS YEAR. APART FROM THIS MONETARY SUPPORT, 12,000 TONS OF GRAIN WILL BE DONATED. TOTAL AID TO INDONESIA WILL BE 850 MILLION DOLLARS. UNQTE
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